

Portland Public School's Mandarin Immersion Program

What are the goals of the Mandarin Immersion Program?

Portland Public Schools (PPS) Mandarin Chinese Immersion is committed to creating a sustainable, agile, and replicable model for K-12 Mandarin Chinese education in the United States, where we strive for all students to achieve high academic performance and advanced proficiency as bilingual, bi-literate citizens with deep cultural awareness.

PPS Mandarin Chinese Immersion is structured on the total language learning approach incorporating three key elements:

- **Content-Based Instruction:** Regular academic subjects, such as math and social studies, are taught in Mandarin Chinese.
- **Explicit Language Instruction:** With a focus on language and literacy for communicative purposes, meta-linguistic skills are incorporated in instruction and learning.
- **Experiential Learning Practices:** Students engage in real, meaningful life experiences that require them to practice their language skills and cultural awareness.

How is the Mandarin Immersion Program organized?

Mandarin Immersion at Woodstock Elementary School.

The elementary school portion of the K-12 Mandarin Immersion Program sets a solid foundation for the long-term goal of students becoming bilingual and bi-literate.

Mandarin Immersion at Hosford Middle School

The three-year middle school experience continues to move students to high level language proficiency and culminates with an opportunity to participate in a two-week research residency in China.

Mandarin Immersion at Cleveland High School

Immersion students enroll in rigorous core academic courses in Mandarin along with advanced-level face-to-face and hybrid online Mandarin language courses.

University of Oregon Chinese Flagship Program

The National Security Education Program's Language Flagship grant supports the Mandarin Immersion program continuing through the University of Oregon, making it a comprehensive K-16 program.



What is Shu Ren and how does it support the Mandarin Immersion Program?

Shu Ren is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Mandarin Immersion Program (MIP) of Portland Public Schools. Shu Ren is governed by a board of directors and is supported through membership dues, grants, and fund-raising activities.

Shu Ren contributes to the success of the MIP by providing financial, volunteer, and organizational support through: academic program support, community-building, fundraising, and advocacy. Shu Ren supported activities include: the homework club; the Dumpling Festival, the Annual Gala, the 8th grade China Research Residency (CRR). Shu Ren provides funds for classroom materials and field trips related to Chinese language, arts, and culture requested by our Chinese teachers, and helps stock the school libraries with Mandarin books, movies, audio book CDs. Shu Ren also plays a vital role as a voice for immersion families in curriculum and school policy discussions at both the state and local levels.

For more information visit <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/immersion/4379.htm> or shurenofportland.org